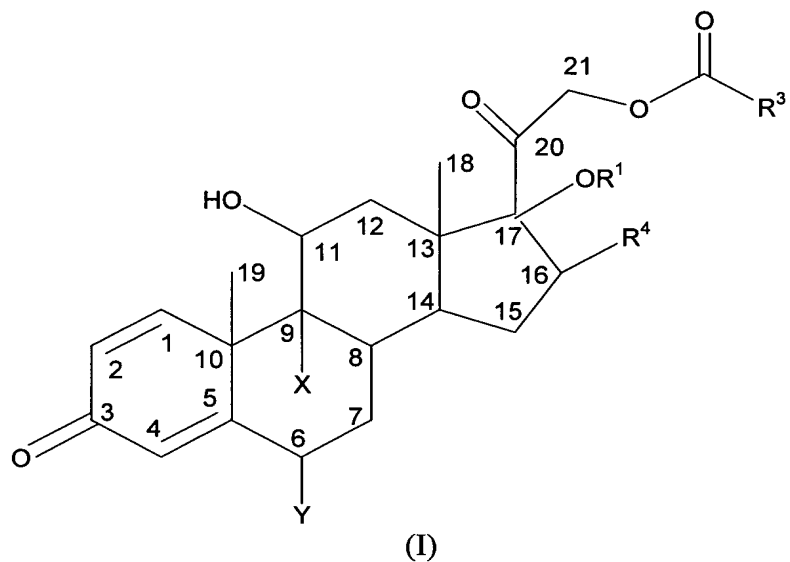


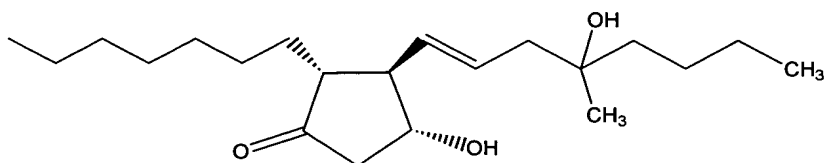
CLAIMS

1. A compound of Formula I:



wherein

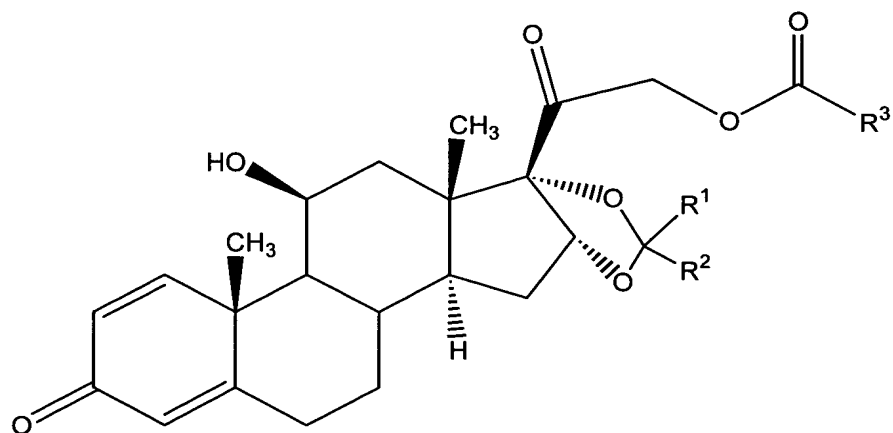
R^1 and R^2 , independently for each occurrence, represent a hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower acyl, or taken together R^1 and R^2 form a substituted or unsubstituted ketal;
 R^3 is chosen from C_8 to C_{24} hydrocarbon and



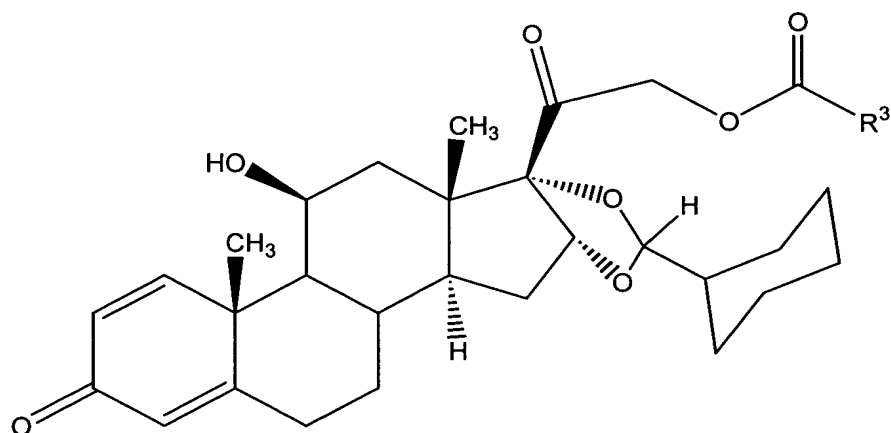
R^4 is methyl or $-OR^2$; and

X and Y are independently hydrogen or halogen.

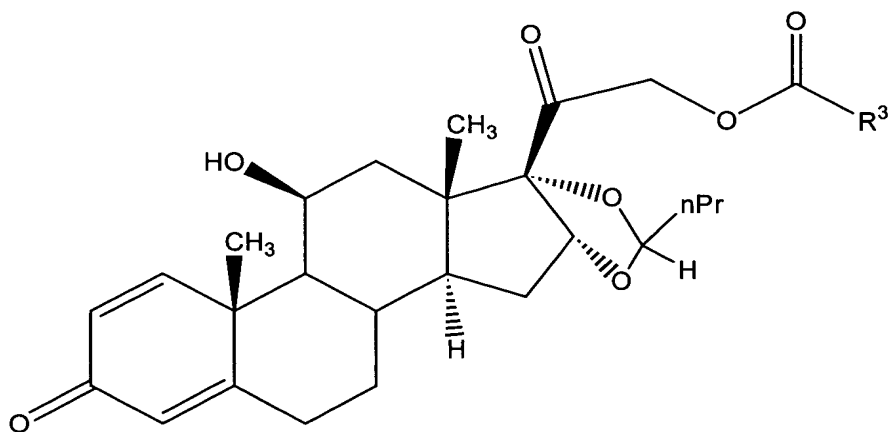
2. A compound according to claim 1 of formula:



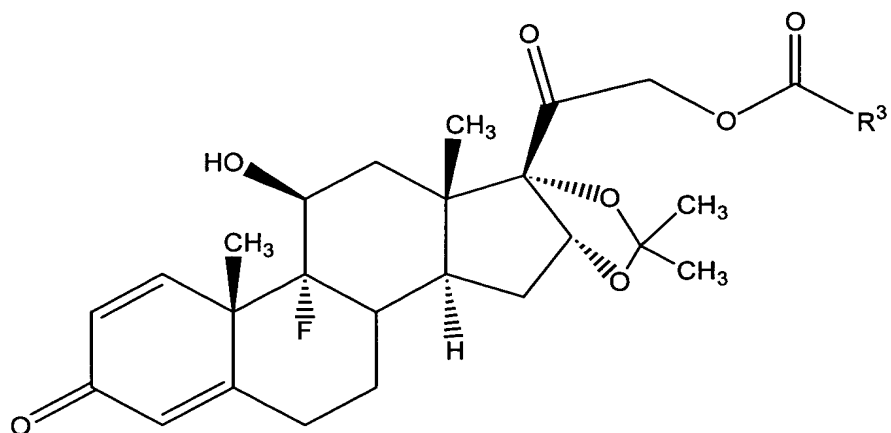
3. A compound according to claim 2 of formula:



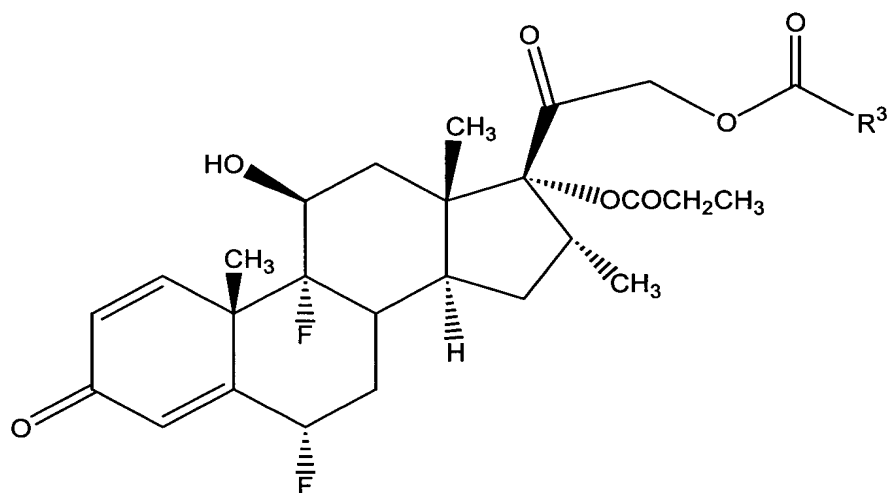
4. A compound according to claim 2 of formula



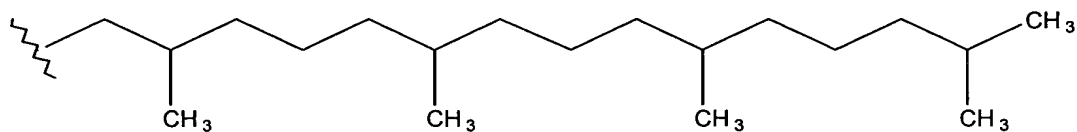
5. A compound according to claim 2 of formula



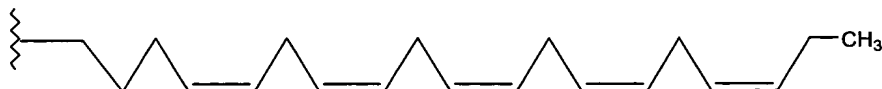
6. A compound according to claim 1 of formula:



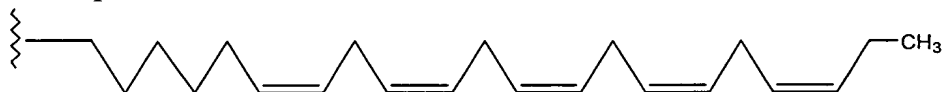
7. A compound according to claim 4 wherein R^3 is the residue of phytanic acid:



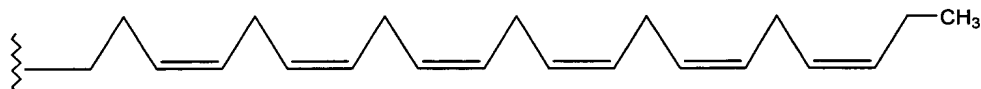
8. A compound according to claim 4 wherein R^3 is the residue of eicosapentaenoic acid



9. A compound according to claim 4 wherein R^3 is the residue of docosapentaenoic acid:



10. A compound according to claim 4 wherein R^3 is the residue of docosahexaenoic acid:



11. A pharmaceutical formulation for inhalation comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable fluid for solution or suspension.
12. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 11 additionally comprising a propellant.
13. A method for treating bronchospasm comprising administering a compound of claim 1.
14. A method for inducing bronchodilation comprising administering a compound of claim 1.
15. A method for treating inflammatory conditions comprising administering a compound of claim 1.
16. A method according to claim 15 wherein said inflammatory condition is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

17. A method according to claim 15 wherein said inflammatory condition is asthma.
18. A method according to claim 15 wherein said inflammatory condition is rhinitis.
19. A method according to claim 15 wherein said compound is administered by inhalation.